PRESENT—*cont.*

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Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Local Self-Government

Alleged interpolations in the minutes book by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly.

* 802 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what final orders have been passed by the Government on the Collector's enquiry regarding interpolations in the minutes book by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly; and

(*b*) if orders have not been passed as yet, the reasons for the delay, especially in view of the Hon. the Minister's reply to the Council that orders would be passed within the course of the next few days?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have issued a notice to the Chairman asking him to show cause why he should not be removed from office. They do not therefore propose to take any further action on the Collector's report of enquiry.

Land Revenue Administration

Damage caused to Sarvarayanpet, Chidambaram taluk, by floods from the Veeranam tank.

* 803 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that a group of villages round Sarvarayanpet in the Chidambaram taluk has been flooded successively for several years past by the abnormal quantities of water sent down by Velligal odai from the Veeranam tank and diverted by the obstructions in that odai;

(*b*) whether the Government granted to these villages the same measure of relief that they gave to places similarly affected such as the Tanjore district in fasli 1340 and the following faslis under special provisions and rules of remission;

(*c*) at the estimates made at the inspection by the revenue officers of the yield in faslis 1340 and 1341 respectively (i) how many acres

have been classified as waste, (ii) how many acres as having in them a crop worth 2 annas and less and (iii) how many acres as having a crop worth above 2 annas but not more than 4 annas:

(*d*) whether the ryots of these villages submitted to the Government statements showing the actual loss suffered by them individually in these faslis and whether those statements were verified; and

(*e*) what relief the Government propose to grant these villages at least this year?

A.—(*a*) A copy of a petition on the subject submitted through the Collector of South Arcot has just been received by the Government.

(*b*) It is alleged in the petition that no special concessions have been granted.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) It does not appear that any such statements have been submitted to the Government.

(*e*) The Collector of South Arcot through whom the petition has been addressed will take the necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Board's Standing Orders.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Sir, may I ask whether any special concession was shown to the ryots in the Tanjore district and, if so, why such concessions were not shown in the case of the ryots of the South Arcot district? "

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" In answer to clause (*b*) it is said that no special concessions have been granted. I ask whether similar concessions have been granted in the case of the South Arcot district? "

Th Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am afraid I must ask for notice of the question."

Electricity

Execution of an hydro-electric scheme in Vayittiri, Malabar.

* 804 *Q.*—Mr. P. M. THANGAL: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has ever been under the consideration of the Government to work up a hydro-electric scheme in Vayittiri for Malabar;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made in this direction;

(*c*) if so, whether any scheme has been prepared, and if so, what the estimated cost of the scheme is; and